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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/JP2003/011158INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
01 September 2003 (01.09.03)PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
30 August 2002 (30.08.02)TITLE OF INVENTION
OPENING AND CLOSING VALVEAPPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US
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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. The US has been elected (Article 31).
5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. is attached hereto.
 - b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application Under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. have not been made and will not be made.
8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)) (unsigned).
10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. This invention is assigned to TOTO LTD. of 2-1-1, Nakashima, Kokurakita-ku, Kitakyushu-shi, Fukuoka 802-8601, Japan. The Applicant requests that the assignee information be published with the application. The executed Assignment will follow.
13. A preliminary amendment.
14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
15. A substitute specification.
16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.
17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 - 1.825.
18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. Other items or information: Postcard, Priority Document and English Translation of Drawing Sheet Nos. 7/16 and 8/16.

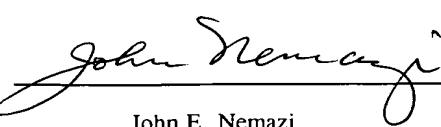
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21. The following fees are submitted:							
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492):							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	a) Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))	\$300.00					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b) Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)(2))	\$200.00					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	c) Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)(3))	\$500.00					
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Total claims	18 - 20 =	0	X \$50.00				
Independent claims	2 - 3 =	0	X \$200.00				
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360.00				
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =			\$1,000.00				
Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.							
SUBTOTAL =			\$1,000.00				
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =			\$1,000.00				
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